

MAINE RURAL REHABILITATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP 2004-2005

The Maine Rural Rehabilitation Fund holds money remaining from a Federal grant made to the State of Maine. Interest income from these funds is available to the Commission of Agriculture to use in keeping with the original intent of the grant. The Commissioner of Agriculture has determined that these funds may be used to provide educational grants to Maine students seeking an agricultural education.

REQUIREMENTS OF QUALIFICATION

1. The applicant **must** be a resident of the State of Maine.
2. The applicant must be enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, in a school offering an **agricultural** degree.
3. An applicant enrolled in a university/college program must have a **cumulative** grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 or greater, **or** have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or greater for the most recent semester or quarter.
4. The applicant must demonstrate that an unmet financial need exists that must be overcome in order to pursue a higher education.
5. The applicant **must** be enrolled in a full-time course leading to a two-year, four-year, or an advanced degree in **agriculture**.

Eligible programs include: Agricultural Business - Sustainable Agriculture - Agricultural Engineering - Animal Science - Plant Science - Soil Science. Students enrolled in a different course of study may apply but must persuasively indicate how the chosen course of study relates to their agricultural career goal.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete all the applicable sections in the application. The application **must be typed**.
2. If the applicant is a high school student attending a university/college for the first time, or if the applicant is a university/college student and changing schools, a letter or affidavit confirming acceptance must be attached to the application.
3. Personal and Family Information (page 3) If you are, or have been, living independently please complete **Sections I and II**. **All applicants** must complete **Section II**, the Family Information section.
4. The Autobiography (page 4) is the applicant's opportunity to let the Committee know why you seek an agricultural education and how your educational plans relate to career goals. It is also the applicant's best opportunity to provide the Committee with personal insights about the applicant's beliefs, interests, special aptitudes, hobbies, experiences, accomplishments, family history, and impediments to achieving future plans. This is an opportunity to elaborate or explain any information elsewhere on the application. Additional sheets may be used, if needed.
5. Complete Items 1 through 4 of the Student Financial Aid Information Form (page 5). Be sure to sign Item 4 as this provides permission for the Financial Aid Office to release information. Then forward the form to your school's Financial Aid Office. They will return it directly to this office. This information is not subject to the June 15 deadline. Information related to the application, including information on the Student Financial Aid Form, will be used **only** for the purpose of determining the applicant's unmet financial need and will be held in strict confidentiality.
6. The **deadline** for submitting the application is the close of business (5:00 P.M.) on **Tuesday, June 15**. Applications sent by mail will be accepted if postmarked June 15 or before.

NOTE: If you feel you qualify, submit an application to the Maine Rural Rehabilitation Scholarship Committee, Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources, 28 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0028. For additional information call (207) 287-7628, or E-Mail: rod.mccormick@maine.gov.

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID 2004-2005
Submit No Later Than the Close of Business, Tuesday, June 15, 2004
MAIL TO:

Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources
Scholarship Program Coordinator
28 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0028

PLEASE TYPE:

First Name: Middle Name: Last Name:

Age: SS#: Home Phone:

School: School Phone #: Major:

School Financial Aid Office Address (Where check should be sent, Not your living quarters):

Permanent Home Address:

Date of Birth: Place of Birth:

U.S. Citizen: Yes ☐ No ☐ Permanent Maine Resident: Yes ☐ No ☐

Secondary School(s) Attended: Year of Graduation:

Honors, Prizes, Scholarship (amounts):

Major School Activities:

NOTE: If applying as a high school senior, provide a copy of your high school transcript including final term grades, class rank and grade point average, when they become available.

University/College Record: If applying as a currently enrolled university/college student, provide a transcript including final term grades, class rank and grade point average. Include any academic distinctions, honor societies, prizes, etc.

Extracurricular Activities(include student organizations, athletics, others):

PERSONAL AND FAMILY INFORMATION

Please complete Section I. and II. if you are, or have been, living independently.

SECTION I.

1. Applicant's Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____
 2. Home Address (Street, City, State, Zip) _____

 3. University/College: _____ Course of Study _____
 4. University/College Address: _____
(Financial Aid Office, NOT your living quarters)
 5. Applicant's Phone Number: () _____ University/College Phone Number: () _____
 6. _____
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FAMILY INFORMATION

SECTION II.

NOTE: TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS:

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Below Please List Name, Relationship and Age of Others Living in Applicant Home:

_____	Relationship: _____	Age: _____
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Additional details of your family situation (include unusual circumstances, expenses, or other pertinent information).

AUTOBIOGRAPHY 2004-2005 Please tell us about yourself. On this or a separate sheet of paper explain the impact that farming has had on your life. You may want to include items of interest to you outside of school, personal hobbies, difficulties you may have confronted, future plans, special aptitudes or shortcomings, travel, work or school experience, subjects you would like to study, and family history. This is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the Selection Committee.

Signature: _____

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION 2004-2005

INSTRUCTIONS: Applicant must complete lines 1 through 4, then forward to the school's Financial Aid Office for completion. (Does not need to be sent with the remainder of the application, or by the June 15 deadline.)

1. Student's Name: _____ 2. Social Security Number: _____

3. Home Telephone Number: _____

4. I, _____, give the Financial Aid Office at _____
(Student's Signature) (Name of School)

permission to provide the following information for scholarship assistance for 2004-2005 academic year to the Maine Rural Rehabilitation Fund Scholarship Committee.

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2004-2005 COST OF EDUCATION (BUDGET)

Parent's Contribution _____

Student's Contribution/Savings _____

Student's Expected Summer Earnings _____
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ORIGINAL NEED

Pell Grant _____

Supplemental Educational Grant _____

Institutional Grant/Scholarship _____

Other Scholarships _____

Work Study _____

Perkins/Institutional Loan _____
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2004/2005 Unmet Need:

Before Federal Stafford/Direct

Aggregate Accumulated loans
(Exclude the upcoming award year): _____

Perkins: _____

Federal Stafford/Direct Loan: _____

Other: _____

Institutional: _____
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Signature of Financial Aid Officer: _____ Date: _____
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MAIL TO:

Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources
Office of the Scholarship Coordinator
28 State House Station Augusta,
Maine 04333-0028

NOTE: If any questions please feel free to call: Telephone (207) 287-7628
or E-Mail: rod.mccormick@maine.gov

Confidentiality Statement

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources will keep the information on this form confidential, in accordance with the provisions of Maine's Freedom of Access Law, if you request confidentiality. Do you want the information on this form kept confidential by the Maine Department of Agriculture? Yes ☐ No ☐